

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1082

By Stanley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the faculty,  
administration, and staff of Christ Methodist Day  
School on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those religious institutions that have contributed significantly to the betterment of their community and have achieved distinction in service and humanity; and

WHEREAS, on September 26-27, 2008, Christ Methodist Day School of Memphis will be celebrating its fiftieth year of serving the Lord through the provision of exemplary Christian education for young people; and

WHEREAS, a longtime dream of the congregation of Christ United Methodist Church was realized when a kindergarten was opened in the fall of 1958 to seventy-five students; and

WHEREAS, this fine institution has expanded its curriculum over the past fifty years to encompass pre-kindergarten through sixth grade, a day care program, a parent's day out program, a before-and-after care program, and a summer enrichment program; and

WHEREAS, from its humble beginning, Christ United Methodist Day School now boasts over 300 students and a faculty and staff of highly skilled professionals and has established itself as one of the finest Christian educational institutions in the nation; and

WHEREAS, much of the credit for Christ United Methodist Day School's deserved success is due to Mrs. Charles A. McVean, who was director of the Day School for fifteen years, from 1958-1974, serving as a teacher for twelve of those years; and

WHEREAS, the development of this exceptional school was further enhanced by the leadership of the three other headmasters who followed Mrs. McVean: Mr. Sam Drash (1974-1983), Mr. David Fox (1983-2002), and Mr. Steven T. Jackson (2002-present); and

WHEREAS, the parent organization of the Day School, Christ United Methodist Church, was an invaluable source of support during the school's formative years, providing nurture, funding, friendly advice, direction, faith, and prayer; and

WHEREAS, the five outstanding senior pastors of the church, Dr. Charles W. Grant, Dr. J. Harold Beaty, Dr. Maxie Dunnam, Dr. William Bouknight, and Dr. Stephen Dodson, have inspired the school and its faculty and staff to greatness; and

WHEREAS, an institution is only the reflection of the smaller units and individuals of which it is composed, and many clubs, organizations, and people have been instrumental in the success and prosperity of Christ United Methodist Day School, including its Board of Directors, faculty, staff, administration, and Parent Association, which has provided numerous hours of volunteerism and service during its thirty-five years of operation, as well as the church's Administrative Board, the senior pastors, and their staffs; and

WHEREAS, this body finds it appropriate to honor the sterling example of Christ Methodist Day School, an extraordinary collection of Christian faculty, staff, administration, parents, and students dedicated to living the examined life with courage and conviction, serving Jesus Christ, and serving their fellow man; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate the faculty, staff, and administration of Christ Methodist Day School on the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary as a Christian education institution and wish them continued success in all of their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.